

**REMARKS**

In the non-final Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 10, 11, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter; allows claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, 12-14, 16-19, and 22; and indicates that claims 10, 11, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 26 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

By way of the present amendment, Applicants amend claims 10, 11, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 26 to improve form. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendment. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-14, 16-24, and 26 remain pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, 12-14, 16-19 and 22 are allowable over the art of record and that claims 10, 11, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 26 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Claims 10, 11, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. While not acquiescing in this rejection, but merely to expedite prosecution, Applicants amend claims 10, 11, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 26 herein to address the Examiner's concerns. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 10, 11, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 26 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for immediate allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicants' representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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